

- Close Circuit Television system is proposed to be installed to cover every nook and corner of these stations to keep watch on criminals, suspicious persons, unclaimed luggage, etc.
- All the important passenger trains including Rajdhani/Shatabdi etc. are being escorted by the RPF personnel.

Late running trains

3325. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of late running trains during 2006 and 2007, so far, alongwith the extent of delay in each case;
- (b) the reasons of late running of each case; and
- (c) the responsibility fixed in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Train-wise data is not maintained. However, the overall punctuality performance in 2006-2007 on Broad Gauge (BG) is 91.7% and 98.4% on Metre Gauge (MG) as compared to 91.2% on Broad (BG) and 97.6% on Metre Gauge (MG) in 2005-2006 respectively.

(b) The reasons for late running of trains include not only those which are attributable to the Railways such as asset failures, extra time taken for loading & unloading parcels but also those which are beyond the control of Railways such as miscreant activities natural calamities like cyclonic storms, damage to track due to breaches, law and order problems, bad weather, cattle run over & electricity grid failures.

(c) 2002 persons have been taken up during 2006-2007 for late running of trains.

Proposal for new rail lines in Rajasthan

3326. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many new rail line proposals of Rajasthan have, so far, been received/included in the Rail Budget for 2005-06 and 2006-07 for conducting survey work:

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(b) the time-frame fixed up by his Ministry for the survey of above new rail lines; and

(c) where Rajasthan stands in the availability of rail network *vis-a-vis* other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Record of each and every demands received is not maintained. However, following new surveys falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan have been included in the Budget 2005-06 and 2006-07:—

1. New line for Anupgarh-Khajuwala-Ramgarh-Jaisalmer
2. New line for Ajmer-Kota.
3. New line for Tonk-Devi
4. New line for Anupgarh-Koia/at *via* Khajuwala.
5. New line for Loharu-Bhiwani

The survey for Loharu-Bhiwani has been completed and others are likely to be completed by 2008-09.

(c) Rajasthan stands second in availability of route kilometers with 5838 route kilometers amongst all other States in the country.

Surat-Hazira rail line

3327. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the planning of his Ministry/RVNL to develop Surat-Hazira railway line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): The project development of Surat-Hazira new line has been completed and the project is proposed to be implemented through a project specific Special Purpose Vehicle with the following parties as partners:—

- (a) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL)
- (b) Gujarat Maritime Board
- (c) Hazira Port Private Limited
- (d) Essar Steel Limited and with viability gap funding by the Ministry of